

BANKERS, FARMERS AND AGRICULTURE

Out of the current agricultural situation, which is resulting in the ever increasing curtailment of cotton, is coming closer and more effective cooperation between bankers and farmers. This trend is being brought about, primarily, with a view toward adequate and proper development of a livestock industry to supplement other cash crops, thereby improving, balancing, and increasing the annual income of Alabama farmers.

But not only is the movement designed to boost farm income by developing a livestock industry, but also to increase the financial position of the farmer by making him a part of the livestock industry. Down in Conecuh County, O. C. McGehee, leading banker-farmer, is pointing the way toward development of an additional cash crop.

An up-to-date syrup making plant capable of processing 500 gallons of fine syrup in a 12-hour day has recently been set up by Mr. McGehee. The plant, one of the most modern in the South, will allow that farmer in the Conecuh section can profitably develop a great deal of land to sugarcane. Mr. McGehee believes. To prove that his idea will work he will buy cane by the ton from a number of small farmers, thereby providing a market for the new crop.

"Good syrup that is packed attractively and sold on a market that has been thoroughly developed is needed in Alabama," states Mr. McGehee. "There is no reason why Alabama farmers cannot supply this and other states' demand for this product."

States M. D. Hazman, syrup and syrup crop specialist of the Alabama Extension Service, who designed the plant: "This is one of the best equipped of 11 new syrup processing plants in the State developed by the Extension Service." Hazman was assisted in supervising construction and operation of the plant by T. P. White, Conecuh County farm agent.

An outstanding example of the trend toward closer cooperation between bankers and farmers was a recent meeting in York, Sumter County, held to discuss a change in the agriculture of South Sumter County.

Presided by Roland Adams, vice-president of the Alabama Bankers Association, the meeting discussed diversifying farming for the season.

Careless farming may waste a few years the soil that grows would be a disastrous backward step for southern agriculture. But you, my good friends, are urged to vote your own sentiments.

NORRIS TURKEY FARM HAS GOOD BUSINESS

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on the Thanksgiving and Christmas markets, when most others sell, as he does at other seasons. "Markets are glutted during the holiday season," stated Mr. Norris, "so I market my turkeys throughout the fall and winter seasons when competition is not as keen."

Most of his turkeys are sold to the Montgomery market. They go to hotels, restaurants, and individuals. A leading hotel in Montgomery features Norris turkeys. Selling begins in the fall before Thanksgiving but is sharply curtailed during the holiday season.

A few are sold between Thanksgiving and Christmas, and again there is a recess for the Christmas trade. After Christmas selling is resumed until continued at a brisk pace until early spring, or to the beginning of the laying season when all birds which are not to be kept for breeding are slaughtered and placed on cold storage to be sold later.

There is always a good demand for Norris turkeys. They are better, the quality is excellent, and, therefore, justifies higher prices. Result is that Mr. Norris always has a fine cash crop in his turkeys.

DIRECTOR DAVIS SAYS VOTE YOUR SENTIMENTS

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harvest season to the next. Since we have twice as much as we need, we must be honest with ourselves and conclude that no one should seek unlimited production for himself or for anybody else unless he wants to add further suffering to a distressed situation in cotton.

Without a control program of our own, farmers have no leverage on the market. Duggan is a native and former county agent of Georgia.

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Some Suggestions For—

HOG KILLING TIME IN ALABAMA

MICE AND MOTH

If Teamed, Could Put Us All in The Asylum Or Poor House

Mice and moths, if formed into an organization with a good leader, could either put us all in the asylum or poor house or both.

Mothballs, or better, naphthalene flakes will serve as protection against both these enemies of the pantry, the clothes closet, and the bookshelf.

Most dislike the odor of naphthalene and flakes of it scattered over and around bags of seed, books, upholstered furniture, mattresses, blankets, and clothing are good protection.

Especially is this true during the winter when mice are more around the house and are looking for a nesting place.

Flakes should not be used around food since the latter may take on the rather objectionable naphthalene taste. Powdered sulfur and lime are better repellants near foods. Also dislike the odor of kerosene and creosote and these will help to keep the damage to a minimum.

Clothes moths, which often do damage right on during the winter do not crinkle about smells but they are killed by fumes of the naphthalene as it evaporates so, to be effective against the moths, naphthalene must be in sufficient quantity and in a tightly sealed container.

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First cold tinges in the crisp air turn all our thoughts to hog-killing time and good bacon, roast, ham and other pork products which will be served up to us.

Dr. R. S. Sturgis, extension animal husbandman, comes along with a timely suggestion which will remove much of the hard work from dressing hogs at home and, at the same time, will make it possible to clean the carcasses thoroughly.

The equipment needed is simple and can be made at home. It consists of a metal bottom tank or vat that can be heated by a fire, a timber dressing rail, a table or platform for scragging, and a hoist.

Hogs bleed thoroughly when stuck without being shot or knocked in the head. By using the hoist the hog can be hung up by fastening a rope to the hind leg before sticking. In this position he can bleed out freely. A 12-foot hoist made from two 16-foot poles sunk four feet in the ground will be satisfactory.

The dressing rail should be placed immediately above the scragging platform in order to give only about a four and a half foot space. No need for appeal given to the jury. Defendant sentenced to eight to ten years. Bail fixed at \$1,000.

Ode A. Osburn—Assault to Murder. Defendant charged with Assault and Battery, assessed fine of \$100. Defendant sentenced to eight to ten years. Bail fixed at \$1,000.

Joe C. Goodson, alias—A. to M. Jury deliberates several hours and reports that it was not possible to agree, and a mistrial is ordered. Jury discharged.

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Flowers Gets Twenty Year Sentence, Thompson Ten; Tervin Case Being Heard

Levy Flowers, young white man, was given a sentence of 20 years in the penitentiary by a jury in Circuit Court here Tuesday morning. The case against Flowers was called Monday morning and the entire day was consumed in selecting the jury, hearing the evidence and arguments of the attorneys.

Judge Parks gave his charge early Tuesday morning. The jury deliberated a little more than four hours. Flowers was charged with first degree murder, but the jury brought in a verdict of guilty of murder in the second degree and fixed his punishment at twenty years.

Immediately after finishing the Flowers case, the court proceeded to the trial of A. U. Thompson, also charged with first degree murder. The case consumed two hours and the jury brought in a verdict of guilty of murder in the second degree and fixed his punishment at ten years.

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